GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Deptt for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Sr.Citizens - Departmental Proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 against Smt. K. Suhasini Devi, the then Project Director (Retd.) D.W & C.D.A., Vijayawada on the charges of certain irregularities of embezzlement/ misuse of Govt., funds in seven ICDS Projects in Krishna District Enquiry conducted - Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (ESTT)

G.O.Rt.No.135. Dated:15-09-2021.

Read the following:-

1. From the Hon'ble Upa-Lokayuktha, orders dt:12-09-2013 in Complaint No. 2703/2012/B2, filed by Sri N.Dhanunjaya Reddy, R/o Vijayawada.
2. The Registrar, Upa – Lokayukta, orders, dated:25-10-2014 of institution of A.P Lokayukta for the State of A.P & Telangana.
3. Rc.No.91/A1/2013, Dated:23-07-2014, of the Project Director, D.W. & C.D.A., Vijayawada.
4. From the Commissioner (i/c) WD&CW, Lr.No.4625/V1/ 2013, dated 03-12-2015.
5. G.O.Rt.No.216, G.O.Rt.No.217, G.O.Rt.No.218 & G.O.Rt.No.219, Deptt for WCDA&SC, dated 31.12.2015.
6. WSD of Smt. K.Suhasini Devi, dated 11.04.2016, Smt.V.Swarupa Rani, dated 13.4.2016 & Smt.M.J.Nirmala, dated 17.07.2017.
7. G.O.Rt.No.22, Deptt for WCDA & SC, dated 06.02.2018.
8. CoI, GAD, D.O.Letter No.24/COI-PKS/2018, dated 25.02.2019.
9. G.O.Rt.No.51, Deptt for WCDA & SC, dated 16-03-2020

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Registrar, Institution of A.P.Lokayukta, in Complaint No.2703/2012/B2 filed by Mr.N.Dhanunjay Reddy, informed that the complainant has made serious allegations of irregularities and misconduct against Smt.Suhasini and others, who have earlier worked as Project Directors, D.W & C.D.A., Vijayawada and an amount said to have been defaulted to a tune of Rs.1,50,00,000/-, which was granted by the Government for implementation of various Welfare Programmes. The matter was entrusted to the Investigation Department of their Institution, who had found truth in the embezzlement of the said welfare funds, but for further fixation of the Public Servants and for probe into the matter, the concerned records are necessary. Hence, the A.P.Lokayukta, has directed the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., to produce the said files so as to have further investigation into the matter.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Registrar, Upa – Lokayukta, in its further orders dated 25-10-2014, has mentioned that the then Commissioner [i/c], W.D & C.W., in his report dated 28-08-2014, had furnished the list of Project Directors, D.W & C.D.A., Krishna, who have worked during the period 2002 to 2011 and who are responsible for embezzlement of Govt. funds to a tune of 1.5 crores and further stated that all the relevant files and records were handed over to the Lokayukta on 13-03-2014. It is further reported that the P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Krishna, vide reference 3rd read above, has informed that the unspent balance amount of Rs.1,27,08,609/- under SNP which was available in the bank account has been remitted into Govt. account vide Challan No.20078, dated 26- 05-2014 and no pending balance amount is available. The report shows the names of Project Directors, who are responsible for embezzlement of Government funds, but did not indicate action to be initiated against them. The Upa – Lokayukta, has therefore, directed the Commissioner,

W.D & C.W., to furnish 'Action Taken Report' against the Project Officers, who are responsible for embezzlement of Government funds.

3. After following due procedure and obtaining a report from the Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW vide 4th read above, certain charges were framed against the Officers viz., Smt. K. Suhasini Devi, Smt. M.J.Nirmala, Smt. V. Swaruparani, and Smt. G. Visalakshi, who worked as Project Directors, DW&CDA, Krishna District during the period from 2002 to 2011 by framing the following Articles of Charge vide reference 5th read above.

4. Govt., after thorough examination of the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the Delinquent Officers vide 6th read above, have decided and entrusted the case to the Commissioner of Inquires, to conduct Inquiry into the charges framed vide reference 7th read above.

5. The Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, has submitted Inquiry Report vide 8th read above, and concluded that the three Articles of Charge framed against Ms. M.J. Nirmala (C.O.2), Smt. V. Swaruparani (CO.3) and Smt. G. Visalakshi (CO.4) are held not proved. Accordingly, further disciplinary action was dropped against all these three officers vide G.O. 9th read above.

6. However, Article of Charge-I and Article of Charge-3 against CO.1 Smt. K. Suhasini Devi, the then P.D (Retd), are proved. Though 2 Articles of charges (AOC1 & AOC-3) are proved against CO.1 (Smt. K. Suhasini Devi), the Inquiry Officer has sought clarification from Government for issuing Articles of Charges to her more than 4 years after her retirement, thereby making the charge legally untenable.

7. Government after careful examination of the entire matter, hereby decide and order to drop further disciplinary action against Smt. K. Suhasini Devi, the then Project Director (Retd.) D.W & C.D.A., Vijayawada, on humanitarian grounds, since there was no embezzlement or misuse of funds, though Charges 1 & 3 are proved in the Inquiry.

8. The Director, WD&CW, Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.R. ANURADHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, WD&CW, Guntur
Copy to:
Smt. K. Suhasini Devi, the then Project Director (Retd.) D.W & C.D.A., Vijayawada (through the Director, WD&CW)
The Deputy Registrar, Hon'ble A.P. Lokayukta, Hyderabad.
The P.S to M(WD&CW)
The P.S to Prl. Secy., WD&CW.
The Secretary, APVC.
The CoI-PKS, GAD.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER